

## Optimum software and settings

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### Site settings

This website works best with the following settings:

- **Internet Explorer 6.0 and above.** Beta versions of IE8 are not supported.
- A minimum screen resolution of 800 x 600.
- The number of colours on screen should be set to 256 or higher.
- Use the scroll bars at the right hand side of the web browser to view additional information.
- If you are using a modem, 56kB is preferred.
- This site requires **Java**. Macintosh (Apple) computers require **Macintosh Runtime for Java version 2.2.4 or higher**.
- This site is not compatible with Internet Explorer 5.2 for Macintosh computers, we recommend **Safari** or **Firefox** for **Macintosh users**.
- If your session is locking up when you try to log on or you encounter 'Action Cancelled' or 'Page cannot be displayed' messages and are running **Windows XP Internet Explorer version 6 with Service Pack 1**, please download [hot fix Q331906](#) from Microsoft.

### Site software

#### Links to software downloads

1. This site provides services which generate e-mail reports in a PDF format. You will need PDF viewing software to display these reports received via e-mail.

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1. This site provides access to registered documents in Microsoft Word format. If you do not have Microsoft Word installed you will need to download the Microsoft Word viewer.

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1. This site provides access to registered documents in WordPerfect format. If you do not have WordPerfect installed you will need to download the WordPerfect Viewer.

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1. This site has been designed for **Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 and above** (beta versions of IE8 are not supported). If you are experiencing problems with **IE 6 Service Pack 1** please [download hot fix Q331906](#). This hotfix only applies to Windows XP users.

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1. This site requires Java. Macintosh (Apple) computers require Macintosh Runtime for Java version 2.2.4 or higher. Apple supplies their own version of Java. Please use the [Software Update](#) feature (available on the Apple menu) to check that you have the most up-to-date version of Java for your Apple Mac.

1. This site provides access to data files in Microsoft Excel format. If you do not have Microsoft Excel installed, you will need to download the Microsoft Excel viewer.

[Download Microsoft Excel Viewer 2003](#)



1. This site utilises Java in some parts. If you have a Windows PC you may need to download Java Virtual Machine.

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